

second species. Applicant notes that Figs. 1, 2, 2A and 2B have many features in common. Many of the features shown in Figs. 2A and 2B have not been shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in order to simplify the description of Figs. 1 and 2 and to not overly complicate the drawings. Figs. 1 and 2 are therefore generic to Figs. 2A and 2B. The additional features of Figs. 2A and 2B can also be added to many of the remaining species without contradicting the teachings of the remaining species. Since Figs. 1 - 2 are generic to Figs. 2A, 2B, Applicant respectfully requests that Figs. 2A and 2B be included in initial examination.

With this response, Applicant is also submitting amendments to the specification, and changes to the drawings. The changes to the specification have been made in order to correct minor typographical errors. The changes to the drawings are made in accordance with the Examiner's indication of the figures being numbered incorrectly.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted  
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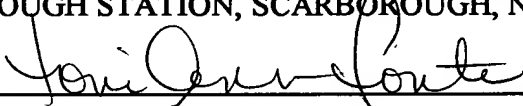


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